

### ... Fire Victims

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practically new furniture that was destroyed can be replaced. McDonald, 24, his wife Beverly, 24, and his four children ranging in age from five to two, were burned out 10 days ago. After five days of futile searching they found a trailer big enough to live in at 124th and Main Sts.

The first day they were in their new quarters, Kathy, 4, was struck in the face and body with a swing, and it took almost an hour of artificial respiration by her father to start her breathing again. She was choking to death on her own blood, which had collected in her throat.

**Fire Blows Out**  
But back to Melody. During the Thursday ride, a right front tire on the car blew out on Carson, near Abalone Ave. Melody, riding in the back seat, was thrown forward against the edge of the front seat and fractured her collarbone. It's now in a cast.

Then, later in the day, the replacement on the same wheel blew out, and McDonald narrowly averted an accident. Still later, the lights failed and a collision with a huge truck-trailer was missed by the proverbial skin of a cat.

Earlier the same day, the family was awakened at 5 a.m. by butane fumes, which were escaping from a defective pipe running from the tank to the stove.

**Heartened by Gift**  
But they were heartened when they heard about the gift of a bed, dresser, chest of drawers, vanity bench, coffee table, and an overstuffed chair.

And friends and neighbors have come to their assistance with gifts of clothes, since everything was destroyed except the clothing on their backs.

The arson squad was completing its investigation late yesterday, and McDonald said that indications were the fire had started behind the deep freeze, possibly from defective wiring.

The family declined, with gratitude, the offer of Mrs. Alta L. Owens, 18926 Arlington, Gardena, to share her home since, as McDonald put it, "she has much too nice a place for us to worry about the kids spoiling her furniture." Mrs. Owens, a widow with a young daughter, had offered to take the McDonalds in if Mrs. McDonald would care for her child.

Despite all his troubles, McDonald can still smile. "Thursday," he said, "was not only an average day, it was my birthday."

### Service Set for Infant Thomas

Funeral services for infant Sandra Ann Thomas will be conducted tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Inglewood Cemetery. Sandra was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Thomas, of 1633 W. 203rd St., and expired four hours later, Wednesday.

Interment will follow the service. Arrangements were conducted by the Stone and Myers Chapel.

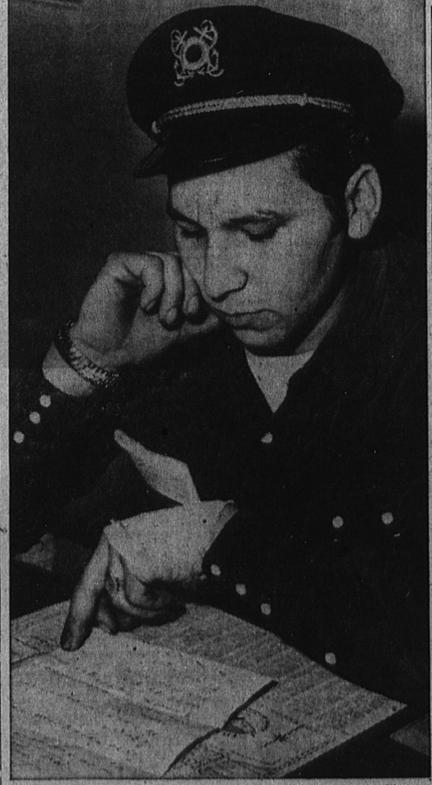
Other survivors include a grandmother, Mrs. Mona G. Williamson, of Torrance, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McGuire, of Texas.

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LOADING UP . . . Inventor Vic Chatten loads up one of the launchers of his Multiple Alert Mortar before its demonstration before city and Civil Defense officials here Friday morning. The mortar fires a triple-action bomb into the air where it explodes at about 100 feet. Friday's test was heard as far as three miles away.



**PUZZLES** . . . Max Chavez, of 3207 W. 137th St., last week sent up a cry for assistance. It seems he is puzzling over a letter from South Korea written by one Moon Eung Yeul. Only trouble is the letter is written in Korean, and Max can't understand it. Neither can anyone on the Herald staff. Max thinks it may be news of his brother, Cpl. Jake Chavez, who was injured in Korea recently when an ammunition truck exploded. If anyone reading this can decipher the missive, please get in touch with Max, telephone Menlo 9-1476.

**Hub Caps Copped**  
Two hub caps were removed from his car while it was parked at 1408 Crenshaw Blvd., Eugene Carr told police. He valued the items at \$9.25.

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### ... Vote Finals

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our district have spoken. As a result, I hope we will move forward from here, not as divided partisans, but as united Americans, devoted to a greater faith in democracy and a unity of purpose toward a world of peace.

"To the many who have worked so hard in my behalf, giving so freely of their time and energy, my sincerest appreciation and my pledge to them, and all citizens of the 17th Congressional District, is a continuation of my very best representation for them in Congress during the next two years."

At the same time, Finch released the following statement: "I feel pleased and humble about the magnificent showings we made against overwhelming odds. I offer my best wishes to our elected representative and trust he will support our new administration in accordance with the expressed desire of our citizenry."

"Again I wish to thank the many hundreds of workers who toiled so long and valiantly in my behalf."

While voters of the district were learning that their Congressman had been re-elected, a special grand jury in Washington, D. C., resumed investigation of the tax scandal leads uncovered by a House subcommittee, headed by Rep. King during the past two years.

U. S. Atty. Charles M. Irelan said the jury would spend at least "a couple of months" checking leads brought to light by the House investigators on King's committee.

**Soft Drink Machine Looted at Walteria**  
Taken from the Walteria Recreation building at Walteria Park Sunday was the coin box from a Coke machine, according to reports made to Torrance police. Entry was made through a window.

**Skillsaws Stolen**  
Three power saws were taken from a construction project at 4600 Sepulveda Blvd., Don Boyd reported to Torrance police. Two 7-inch and one 8-inch Skillsaws were removed, Boyd said.

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## Million and Half Set For City Flood Control

Almost one and one-half million dollars will accrue to the City of Torrance for flood control as a result of the approval by the voters Tuesday of a \$179,000,000 storm drain bond issue.

Three projects—numbers 241, 242 and 245—will be allocated to this area, and will total \$1,535,600, of which \$1,488,000 will be spent in Torrance, according to a statement released last month by Robert L. Plomert Jr., president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Two of these are a slight portion of the 140 projects which make up the storm drain plan throughout Los Angeles County. At last Wednesday's meeting of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, it was reported that the work will require five years for completion.

**Prepare Plans**  
City engineers from the various municipalities covered by the issue will prepare plans for their areas. As rapidly as these plans are presented to the flood control district, they will be put into operation. An estimated six months will elapse before actual construction will begin, that amount of time being necessary for the sale of bonds and employment of the required personnel.

Following the initial start, about one contract each week will be awarded.

At the board meeting last week, completed plans for nine projects worth \$20,054,300 were presented. They include Lomita Blvd., \$985,900; Broadway, \$335,500; Crenshaw Blvd., \$431,200; East Compton Creek No. 2, \$9,714,900; Slauson-Sepulveda, \$544,500; Normandie Ave., \$1,048,700; Rosecrans Ave., \$522,200; Manhattan Beach Blvd., \$3,369,400; and Inglewood Ave.-Century Blvd., \$3,121,800.

Brief descriptions of the three Torrance projects:

Number 241  
Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe in 22nd St. from Plaza del Amo to Arlington Ave.; in Arlington to 220th St.; in

220th to Cabrillo Ave.; in Cabrillo to Torrance Blvd. and 212th St. Construction of a reinforced concrete box in Torrance Blvd. to a point 200 feet west of the city limits and a proposed drain in a 30-foot easement to Western Ave.

Number 242  
Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe in a 20-foot easement across PE RR right of way from a drain in S. Torrance Blvd., to a drain in N. Torrance; the same thing in Border Ave. to Dominguez St. and in Dominguez St. to the east side of Sartori Ave.; on the projection of Dominguez St. across the PE right of way to the west side of Sartori; and in Dominguez to Crenshaw Blvd.

Number 245  
Construction of a pipe in Torrance Blvd. from a drain in Englewood, and the same thing in Carson St. to Gramercy Ave.

Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe in Arlington Ave. from Redondo Beach Blvd. to about 170th St., and construction of a reinforced concrete

**Stolen Bike Recovered By Torrance Police**  
Torrance police yesterday were holding a red and white Schwinn bicycle, reported stolen earlier in the week from the Fern Ave. Elementary School by Mrs. T. L. Hayton, 805 Kornblum Ave., whose son owns the vehicle.

The bike was recovered Friday afternoon from the rear of 1820 Martina Ave.

**Put Umbrella On Shell Says WM**  
Despite the clouds, the weatherman says you can put your umbrella away for a day or so.

Friday's showers brought .11 inch to Torrance, boosting the season total to .18 inch. Last year at this time, fire department weatherman here had chalked up .27 inch.

**CIGARETTES—\$1,900 PACK**  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. — Dan Wheeler left his car with the keys in it, dashed into a nearby store for a pack of cigarettes. That was an expensive pack of cigarettes, \$1,900.15 plus tax.

pipe and box from south of 175th St. to 170th St. in Glenburn Ave., and in a 25 easement from 170th St. to Dominguez Channel.

Number 245  
Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe in a 20-foot easement in Tract No. 15 and along the north side of Torrance Municipal Airport from 248th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. to a drainage sump located at the corner of 236th St. and Madison Ave.

Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe in Arlington Ave. from Redondo Beach Blvd. to about 170th St., and construction of a reinforced concrete

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